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INTRODUCED BY HARRINGTON
BY REQUEST OF THE REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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4	CY Total Metal Value (Millions)	\$310.718	\$330.560	\$378.596	\$378.596
5	FY Total Federal Forest Receipts (Millions)	\$42.223	\$33.136	\$28.000	\$28.000
6	Property Value				
7	FY Total Statewide Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,813.439	\$1,842.380	\$2,227.536	\$2,257.149
8	FY Net/Gross Proceeds Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$13.252	\$16.753	\$13.781	\$14.460
9	FY All Other Taxable Valuation (Millions)	\$1,800.187	\$1,825.627	\$2,213.755	\$2,242.689
10	FY Statewide Vehicle Value (Millions)	\$2,745.651	\$2,926.120	\$3,113.584	\$3,308.910
11	Consumption Tax				
12	FY Liquor Unit Sales (Millions)	\$5.528	\$5.052	\$5.052	\$5.052
13	FY Liquor Cost Per Unit	\$9.506	\$10.495	\$10.721	\$10.972
14	FY Liquor Net Sales (Millions)	\$40.644	\$37.454	\$38.263	\$39.158
15	FY Liquor Operations Budget (Millions)	\$3.033	\$1.607	\$1.624	\$1.640
16	FY Beer Barrels (Millions)	0.774	0.784	0.793	0.802
17	FY Wine Liters (Millions)	5.334	5.341	5.348	5.355
18	FY Cigarette Packs (Millions)	75.979	73.448	71.001	68.636
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3	FY Total Lottery Sales (Millions)	\$31.761	\$30.795	\$29.858	\$28.949
4	FY Insurance Premiums Growth (Percent Change)	7.60%	4.88%	4.82%	4.77%
5	FY Insurance Premiums Tax Credit (Millions)	\$3.357	\$2.524	\$1.995	\$1.793
6	FY Police & Firemen Retirement (Millions)	\$9.866	\$10.140	\$10.415	\$10.698
7	FY Telephone Taxable Income (Millions)	\$261.607	\$294.736	\$301.722	\$308.872
8	FY Kilowatt Hours Produced (Millions)	18,322.356	19,817.529	21,318.646	21,239.246
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10	FY Medicaid Reimbursements (Millions)	\$13.035	\$13.397	\$13.759	\$14.134
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General Fund Revenue Estimates

(In Millions of Dollars)

	Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
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2 Coal Severance Tax	9.714	10.006	10.403	10.240
3 Oil Severance Tax	9.730	10.175	9.745	9.645
4 Metalliferous Mines Tax	4.026	3.038	3.235	3.703
5 Natural Gas Severance Tax	0.936	0.877	0.778	0.776
6 Electrical Energy Tax	3.520	3.635	3.910	3.895
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9 Insurance Premiums Tax	26.133	28.438	30.612	32.525
10 Institution Reimbursements	16.142	15.471	15.803	16.193
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14 Liquor Profits	6.300	6.322	5.455	5.604
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11			<u>\$368.736</u>	<u>\$386.824</u>	<u>\$405.315</u>
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14	Long-Range Bond Excess	52.369	51.704	53.146	54.763
15			<u>51.951</u>	<u>53.687</u>	<u>55.414</u>
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17	Permanent Trust Interest Earnings	41.532	41.969	42.611	43.218
18	Coal Severance Tax	9.714	10.006	10.403	10.240
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20	Metalliferous Mines Tax	4.026	3.038	3.235	3.703

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7 Institution Reimbursements	16.142	15.471	15.803	16.193
8 Video Gaming Tax	10.666	11.115	11.572	12.062
9 Inheritance Tax	15.404	13.575	13.914	14.262
10		<u>14.519</u>	<u>15.000</u>	<u>15.500</u>
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14 Wine Tax	0.846	0.835	0.836	0.837
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18		<u>5.204</u>	<u>5.578</u>	<u>5.977</u>
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20 Contractor's Gross Receipts Tax	1.621	1.507	1.565	1.520

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2			<u>30.379</u>	<u>28.184</u>	
3	40-Mill Property Tax	81.754	75.962	85.158	84.381
4			<u>76.971</u>	<u>84.890</u>	<u>85.057</u>
5	55-Mill Property Tax	122.329	128.398	149.329	151.318
6			<u>129.812</u>	<u>148.447</u>	<u>151.624</u>
7	1.5-Mill Property Tax	0.000	1.101	1.242	1.260
8				<u>1.267</u>	<u>1.296</u>
9	Lottery Profit	7.859	7.736	7.266	6.838
10	Common School Interest & Income	42.032	42.493	42.238	43.998
11	US Federal Royalty	24.959	21.099	20.765	21.480
12	Total General Fund Revenue	\$963.193	\$982.821	\$1,028.146	\$1,056.108
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WHEREAS, Article VIII, section 9, of the Montana Constitution prohibits the Legislature from appropriating funds in excess of the anticipated revenue of the state; and

WHEREAS, section 5-18-107(5), MCA, requires the Revenue Oversight Committee to estimate the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation and to introduce legislation setting forth the Committee's current revenue estimate for the biennium; and

WHEREAS, section 5-12-302(7), MCA, requires the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to assist the Revenue Oversight Committee in its revenue estimating duties; and

WHEREAS, because of the complexity of the myriad variables involved in revenue forecasting and the diversity of sources from which state



1 revenue is obtained, it is increasingly difficult to project revenue in order to prepare a balanced budget for the ensuing biennium; and

2 WHEREAS, the revenue estimates contained in this resolution provide the basis for a comprehensive analysis of the state's financial
3 condition; and

4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state that revenue forecasts be discussed and arrived at in public hearings at which all interested
5 parties may attend and participate.

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7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 That the state general fund revenue for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 be estimated to be ~~\$982,821,000~~ \$992,450,000,
9 ~~\$1,028,146,000~~ \$1,036,805,000, and ~~\$1,056,108,000~~ \$1,067,051,000, respectively.

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GENERAL FUND REVENUE

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20 in the following tables.

ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

Revenue Oversight Committee

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CY	Population July 1 (Millions)	0.886	0.901	0.917	0.934
CY	Nonfarm Employment (Thousands)	358.300	366.000	373.900	382.000
Montana Income					
CY	Total Personal Income (Millions)	\$16,551.630	\$17,349.705	\$18,189.688	\$19,098.768
CY	Net Farm Income (Millions)	\$503.363	\$514.746	\$536.271	\$536.039
CY	Wage & Salary Income (Millions)	\$8,092.569	\$8,482.358	\$8,897.264	\$9,336.430
Individual Income Tax					
CY	Wage & Salary Growth (Percent Change)	5.14%	4.82%	4.89%	4.94%
CY	Interest/Dividend Growth (Percent Change)	4.43%	4.26%	2.94%	2.31%
CY	Net Business Income (Percent Change)	3.80%	3.60%	2.50%	1.60%
CY	Capital Gains/Losses Income (Percent Change)	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
CY	Rent/Royalty/Partnership Income (Percent Change)	3.40%	3.80%	4.80%	5.80%
		<u>5.00%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
CY	<u>TAXABLE PENSION/SOCIAL SECURITY (PERCENT CHANGE)</u>	<u>8.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>
CY	All Other Income (Percent Change)	6.93%	5.59%	5.77%	6.25%
		<u>811.38%</u>	<u>89.06%</u>	<u>47.21%</u>	<u>32.27%</u>
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3		<u>\$644.900</u>	<u>\$676.500</u>	<u>\$706.300</u>	<u>\$721.000</u>
4	CY MT Corporate Taxable Income (Millions)	\$851.240	\$854.163	\$868.360	\$891.854
5		<u>\$853.735</u>	<u>\$871.958</u>	<u>\$892.151</u>	<u>\$912.941</u>
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15	FY TRANS Issue Size (Millions)	\$101.200	\$59.500	\$59.500	\$59.500
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7	(In Millions of Dollars)				
8		Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
9	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>FY 1996</u>	<u>FY 1997</u>	<u>FY 1998</u>	<u>FY 1999</u>
10	Individual Income Tax	\$350.161	\$367.864	\$383.561	\$401.044
11			<u>\$368.736</u>	<u>\$386.824</u>	<u>\$405.315</u>
12	Corporation Income Tax	59.337	59.947	61.043	61.514
13			<u>61.350</u>	<u>63.010</u>	<u>63.677</u>
14	Long-Range Bond Excess	52.369	51.704	53.145	54.753
15			<u>51.951</u>	<u>53.687</u>	<u>55.414</u>
16	TCA Interest Earnings	16.294	15.162	14.490	14.101
17	Permanent Trust Interest Earnings	41.532	41.969	42.611	43.218
18	Coal Severance Tax	9.714	10.006	10.403	10.240
19	Oil Severance Tax	9.730	10.175	9.745	9.645
20	Metalliferous Mines Tax	4.026	3.038	3.235	3.703

	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY 1996</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>FY 1997</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>FY 1998</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>FY 1999</u>
1 Natural Gas Severance Tax	0.936	0.877	0.778	0.776
2 Electrical Energy Tax	3.520	3.635	3.910	3.895
3 Telephone License Tax	5.712	5.305	5.431	5.560
4 Railroad Car Tax	0.780	4.457	1.103	1.103
5		<u>6.224</u>	<u>2.003</u>	<u>2.003</u>
6 Insurance Premiums Tax	26.133	28.438	30.612	32.525
7 Institution Reimbursements	16.142	15.471	15.803	16.193
8 Video Gaming Tax	10.666	11.115	11.572	12.062
9 Inheritance Tax	15.404	13.575	13.814	14.262
10		<u>14.519</u>	<u>15.000</u>	<u>15.500</u>
11 Liquor Excise Tax	7.203	6.636	6.779	6.938
12 Liquor Profits	6.300	6.322	5.455	5.604
13 Beer Tax	1.356	1.372	1.389	1.405
14 Wine Tax	0.846	0.835	0.836	0.837
15 Driver's License Fee	2.574	2.681	2.721	2.765
16		<u>3.171</u>	<u>3.218</u>	<u>3.270</u>
17 Vehicle Fee	4.805	5.121	5.449	5.791
18		<u>5.204</u>	<u>5.578</u>	<u>5.977</u>
19 Motor Vehicle License Fee	9.801	9.841	9.814	9.820
20 Contractor's Gross Receipts Tax	1.621	1.507	1.565	1.520

	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Actual FY 1996</u>	<u>Estimated FY 1997</u>	<u>Estimated FY 1998</u>	<u>Estimated FY 1999</u>
1	All Other Revenue	27.298	28.879	26.784	27.559
2			<u>30.379</u>	<u>28.184</u>	
3	40-Mill Property Tax	81.754	76.962	85.168	84.381
4			<u>76.971</u>	<u>84.890</u>	<u>85.057</u>
5	55-Mill Property Tax	122.329	128.398	140.329	151.318
6			<u>129.812</u>	<u>148.447</u>	<u>151.624</u>
7	1.5-Mill Property Tax	0.000	1.101	1.242	1.260
8				<u>1.267</u>	<u>1.296</u>
9	Lottery Profit	7.859	7.736	7.266	6.838
10	Common School Interest & Income	42.032	42.493	42.238	43.998
11	US Federal Royalty	24.959	21.099	20.765	21.480
12	Total General Fund Revenue	\$963.193	\$982.821	\$1,028.146	\$1,056.108
13			<u>\$992.450</u>	<u>\$1,036.805</u>	<u>\$1,067.051</u>
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